

superintendent in 2009. In 2014, Mr. Schlender moved to his final stop at the Luxemburg-Casco School District.

During his time at Luxemburg-Casco, Mr. Schlender added to his already lengthy list of accomplishments from his time in education. Mr. Schlender's leadership and knowledge lead to the expansion and implementation of not only the physical spaces within the Luxemburg-Casco School District but also countless learning opportunities for students. Since assuming his role at Luxemburg-Casco, the school district has been recognized as a top 10 high school academically within the Green Bay metro area. Mr. Schlender's commitment and dedication to the Luxemburg-Casco school district is truly remarkable.

In addition to academics, Ms. Schlender played a critical role in developing partnerships with community members and local businesses such as Bellin Health, D&S Machine Service, and the Northeast Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance. These partnerships lead to the institution of career-readiness programs, including the Ahnapee Regional Youth Apprenticeship Program, which has offered students the opportunity to gain on-the-job work experience in the classroom. Mr. Schlender spent his entire career ensuring that students throughout Northeast Wisconsin have the resources they needed to succeed. Mr. Schlender's expertise and knowledge will surely be missed by his peers and the entire Luxemburg-Casco community.

Mr. Schlender is leaving behind a notable legacy that will be admired by educators for years to come. After retirement, Mr. Schlender and his wife plan to stay in the Luxemburg-Casco community and I am confident that he will continue to be a valuable member to the Northeast Wisconsin community. Mr. Schlender's distinguished career is deserving of the highest degree of recognition.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Jefferson High School in Daly City on the occasion of its 100th birthday. Home of the Jefferson Grizzlies, Jefferson High School has been educating children since its inception in 1922, starting with 50 students. Previously, all high school students in Daly City attended school in San Francisco.

Courses offered in the original school were mathematics, science, English, Spanish, drama, commercial arithmetic, typing, bookkeeping, spelling, penmanship, PE for girls and boys, civics, vocational guidance, free hand drawing, and music. The original three teachers were Gilda Belloni, Gladys Lukes, and Barto Molineux. Mr. Neal O. Best was Chief Administrator but also taught mathematics, science and boys' athletics.

From the start, it was evident that a permanent and larger school would be needed. A \$180,000 bond measure was approved, but there was disagreement about the best site for the new building. Some wanted it located on Hillside Boulevard in Edgewood Terrace, while others wanted it near the greyhound racing track at Union Coursing Park between Mission and Railroad Avenue. The voters settled the matter in March 1923. The building was built near the racetrack, and the first class of freshmen entered in 1925.

On May 26, 1926, Jefferson High School graduated its first class from the new school site, 13 seniors. The following year, the University of California accredited Jefferson High School on July 26th, and a month later an alumni association was formed. A significant modernization of the high school occurred in 1963 and 2017. Legendary NFL Hall of Fame coach and award-winning broadcaster John Madden, a proud Jefferson High School alum, contributed lights for the school's stadium.

From its founding to our present day, Jefferson has graduated a number of other distinguished alums. These students include Edwin Mulitalo. Super Bowl Champion, Floyd

Gonella, former district superintendent and San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools, and Justice Teri L. Jackson, currently serving on the California Court of Appeal.

Jefferson High School takes pride in its diverse student body, and its outstanding curriculum. The school meets every student where they are in their learning to ensure that all students are able to demonstrate mastery of essential skills and content upon graduation. AP classes are open to all students. The school offers a competitive robotics and engineering program and dual enrollment for career technical education is available under an agreement with Skyline College. Students graduate with both college and high school credits.

In addition to its strong curriculum, Jefferson High School received the 2019 San Mateo County School Board Association Kent Award recognizing schools with innovative and replicable programs, and a 2019 Daly City Sustainability Award. Its community and club involvement are substantial. The Grizzly Go Club, sponsored by the local public utility, made portable solar power "suitcases" that were then sent to Ecuador for use in schools that have no electricity. Jefferson High School partners with Second Harvest Food Bank to distribute food to over 1200 families, monthly. Thirty clubs, including but not limited to Social Justice and Activism, Anime and Mock Trial, offer students many opportunities to become involved further in their school and education. The 11th and 12th graders are partnered with 9th graders to ensure a smooth transition into the school. At the senior level, Jefferson partners with the Japanese Community Youth Council (JCYC) to help first generation students navigate the college entrance process.

Madam Speaker, America is at her best when it offers free public education to its children. Jefferson High School has long offered a high-quality education to all comers. The shaping of young minds through science, history, athletics and other wonderful courses offered at this school builds our country as much as the creation of any work of public engineering. America and Daly City succeed because we invest in students, invest in their success, and celebrate their coming of age as adults within our community. I thank Jefferson High School, and congratulate them on their birthday.